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I want to thank Jordan Hutchinson and his wife for coming to our August meeting and telling us about another way to safeguard our coins. For many years I had safety deposit boxes in a bank where I kept my collections and thin I got a safe in my home. "Safe Haven" private vaults is a good way to go in order to protect your coins, guns, important papers, and all else of value one may have. Thanks again to Jordan for showing us another way.

For this months meeting we will be having our semi-annual "Auction Night." Bob Campbell will be running the auction, so come early and bring up to five lots to place in the auction. Individual lots may contain more than one item.

Bring lots of cash and bid on any items which may enhance your collection. And



remember, a percentage of proceeds will go to the clubs general fund.

Mark the date, Sept. 11th and bring a friend.

Larry Nielsen
UNS President

**MEETING BEGINS AT 7PM
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11th**

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be a board meeting after the meeting and it is important that all board members try to attend.



September's Agenda

- ♦ Greetings
Larry Nielsen
- ♦ Mini Exhibit
Tom Davis
- ♦ New & Views
Bruce Griggs
- ♦ Coin Quiz
Larry Nielsen
- ♦ Refreshments
James & Michael Strasser

Fractional Currency

Doug Nyholm

Several months ago I wrote an article in the Mint Master about encased postage. Many changes occurred during the Civil War and during the 1860's affecting the daily coinage and currency in use in the United States. It was definitely a time of turmoil and change. I mentioned that there were three important events that affected how monetary transactions were carried out during that time. In addition to encased postage there was also the advent of Fractional Currency plus a proliferation of copper coins usually in the ac-



cepted amount of one cent which we refer today as "Civil War Tokens." In this second installment I will discuss Fractional Currency. During the onset of the Civil War and the early 1860's one of the main problems that occurred with our monetary system was the disappearance and hoarding of all specie, or precious metal coinage and currency. Silver and gold almost immediately disappeared and what didn't was used more as barter as the value was rapidly changing. In regard to currency this was a time of transition from obsolete currency which had been issued by thousands of banks to what would soon be a standard government issued form of notes. One of the final nails in the coffin, so to speak, regarding obsolete currency was the government imposed tax on its issue. Technically a bank could issue paper currency but the new 10% tax was significant and with the issuance of the first 'greenbacks' the private issue of banknotes quickly ceased. Paper currency at the time was for the most part miss-trusted by a large portion of the population. Many had been 'burnt' by accept-



ing obsolete bills which at the time were worthless or valued at only a fraction of their face value. Silver and gold were always trusted. Even the constitution of the state of California forbid the use of paper currency.

As stated, gold and silver had disappeared, problems

were present with existing paper and there was simply not enough of it in circulation. The problem was acute in the conducting of small daily transactions and the northern economy was suffering. The government had to do something in order to get cash flowing.

One brief solution was instituted by the Treasurer of the U.S., General Francis E. Spinner. He pasted postage stamps onto rectangles of Treasury Department marked paper in the amounts of 5, 10, 25, and 50 cents, then signed them and put them into circulation. This idea caught the immediate attention of Congress and would soon evolve into what would be known as Fractional or Postage Currency. The law authorizing Postage Currency was signed by the President on July 17, 1862. This law prohibited the printing by any private companies or banks of notes with values below \$1.00 face which up to this time was pervasive.



Thus entered the era of fractional Currency which is divided into five distinct issue periods. Fractional's of the first issue period began in 1862 and by the end of the notes with the fifth issue it was early 1876. The need had ended and by 1876 there was sufficient circulating coinage.

Denominations consisted of 10, 25, and 50 cents for all five issues. There was a 5 Cent note only in the first three issues and a 3 Cent note only in the third issue. Finally the unusual denomination of 15 cents was produced for only the fourth issue which rounded out the six different denominations.



Regarding collecting, Fractional Currency, as well as other coins and currency, contain a wide variety of variations. Multiple books have been written on Fractional Currency which cover the subject of varieties which is beyond the scope of this article. Individual notes come in a variety of sizes and colors, there are many printing differences as well as surcharges, papers, and margins. Collecting can be simple if you want a denomination set and /or examples from each issue. Crisp uncirculated examples are readily available, usually for a reasonable price but there are many very rare and expensive specimens.

One of the more interesting collectables within the Fractional Currency series are the Shields. These were printed between 1866-69 and consist of 39 specimens of the first three issues printed on a single piece of paper resembling a shield. They come with gray, pink, and green background's with the gray being the most common. Even the gray shields however can easily surpass \$5,000 in today's market.

Fractional currency has a very colorful history and can be easily be collected. Check out a few pieces next time you visit a coin show or convention.

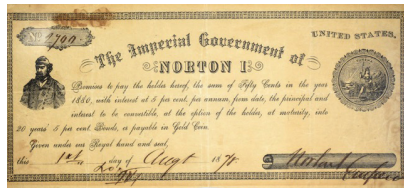






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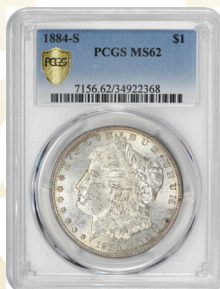
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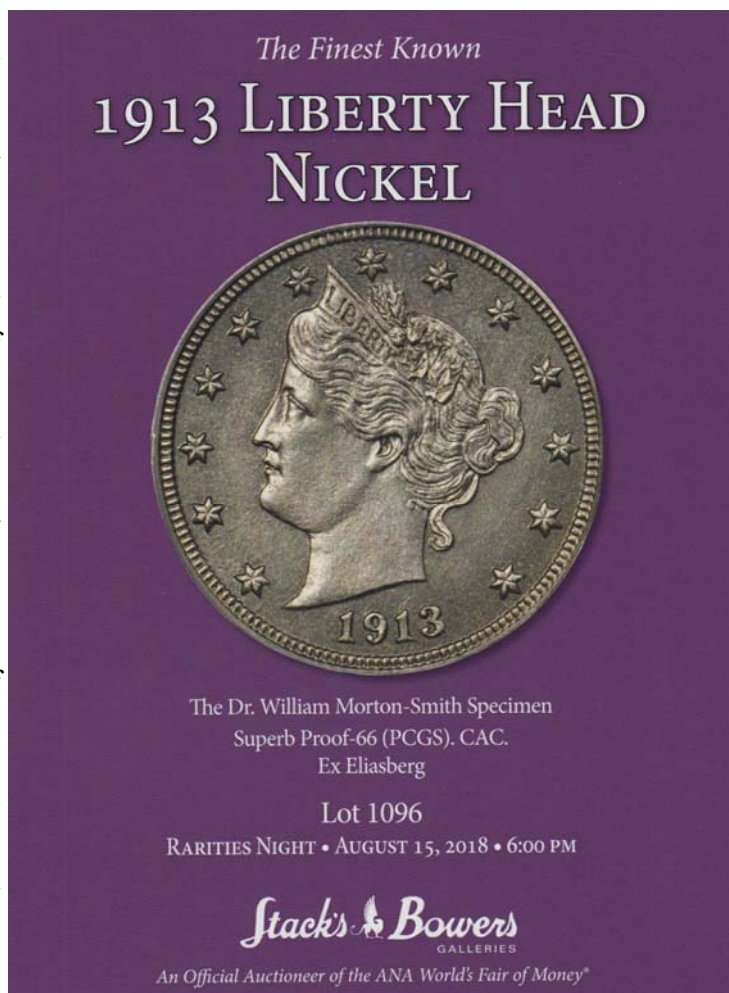
2018 ANA Action Report

Now that the ANA Convention is history and the results of the auctions are in there were several items that surpassed the Million Dollar mark!

The one which made national headlines was the Proof-66 finest known 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. This famous coin, the finest of only five known examples sold for \$4.56 million becoming the record holder for a non-precious metal coin and also achieving the #5 spot on the most valuable coin ever sold at auction list. As a note, the new owner also owns a Type 1 1804 Silver Dollar. This coin was auctioned by Stacks/Bowers who now have the distinction of selling four of the top five most valuable coins.

The number two and three spots at the ANA auctions were hammered by Heritage Galleries. The newly discovered fourth known specimen of the 1854-S Gold Half Eagle found a new home by garnering \$2.16 million. Only 286 were originally minted during the first year of operations at the new San Francisco mint. Virtually all of the depositors desired the larger \$20 coins of which although somewhat scarce is the most common for the first year gold at the new mint.

Third place also sold by Heritage goes to the unique \$10 pattern coin recently owned by Eric Newman. Research indicates that this pattern coin was given to George Washington himself which he very likely carried for a time, possibly as a pocket piece. This unique coin sold for only the fourth time at auction and has not seen an auction for over 100 years. Eric Newman purchased it privately. Its selling price was \$1.74 Million.



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The next two million dollar items came from the Joel R. Anderson currency collection which was sold by Stacks/Bowers. These items are extremely rare pieces of currency which both sold for the same amount of \$1.02 Million.

The first was an 1861 \$50 Interest Bearing Note which is the only example in private hands. One other note exists and is held by the U.S. Government. The other was an exceptionally rare 1880 Silver Certificate. This note is also only one of two known examples in private hands while three others are permanently impounded. 8,000 were originally printed.



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There are also two other items which merit a special note which sold at the ANA. The World auction by Heritage contained the first dollar coin of the Americas. This was struck in Mexico City in 1538 and was sold for \$528,000!

Finally a \$100 1863 Interest Bearing Note FR-204, also from the Anderson collection brought \$900,000.

A total of five Million Dollar lots and these two other important other pieces helped make the 2018 ANA and the auctions held there a most memorable event.



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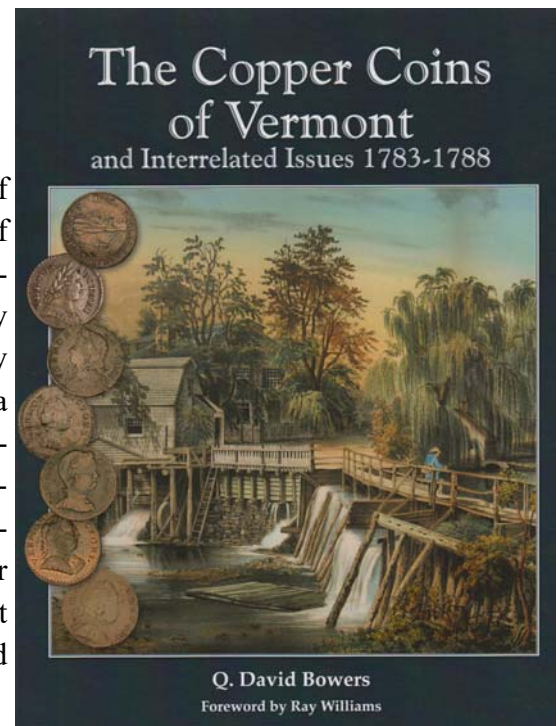
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“The Copper Coins of Vermont”

by Q. David Bowers

I consider myself very knowledgeable about many aspects of numismatics but certainly there are many areas and subjects of which I am definitely lacking in knowledge. First, commemorative coins are definitely not my forte' even though my library contains multiple books regarding them. Ancient coins are very fascinating but I feel that one needs to specialize in them for a lifetime to really know and understand all the caveats and idiosyncrasies regarding them. One other area of American numismatics that has eluded me is that of Colonial coinage. One reason that I read so much and study numismatics is to learn their history and how they relate to it. Studying anything old cannot be done without learning its history and many facts associated with the item(s) of study.



Years ago I put together some set and type coins of Great Britain. I didn't do this to learn about the United Kingdom and probably didn't know much more about the history of England other than what I learned years ago in school. However, by searching for coins to complete my collecting interests I did manage to learn a great deal about the history of England and especially the Monarchs.

Recently I received this new book written by Q. David Bowers and in typical Bowers style it is an extremely interesting read. No matter if you collect Vermont or not, the history of its coinage and that of the colonies regarding early Americana is rich with history. Many of the stories are closely related to the founding and formation of America. The introduction and Chapter 1, "Setting the Scene" are mini-histories of life in America through the 1780's. This book delves into all the coinage of Vermont which is also a mini-course into American history. There were mints in Rupert, The Machin's Mills coinage which contains a coin by coin listing and also a section containing information about the Nova Constellatio Coppers. Much more is contained in this 163 page book written in the unique style of Q. David Bowers. He literally makes history and coinage come together in such a way that it makes it difficult to put the book down. This book was published in a limited run of only 500 copies so if you are interested contact Stacks/Bowers immediately.



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A) 1804 B) 1817
C) 1820 D) 1858
2. How many years since 1936 were no proof coinage produced?
A) 7 B) 8
C) 9 D) 10
3. The Red Book lists annual mintages for proofs beginning in what year?
A) 1843 B) 1858
C) 1909 D) 1936
4. Prior to 1936 what was the last year universally reported for proof coins?
A) 1915 B) 1916
C) 1921 D) 1892
5. For modern proof sets what is the maximum number of coins in a “set”?
A) 14 B) 16
C) 18 D) 20

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O-113, High R.6
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“United States Proof Coins”

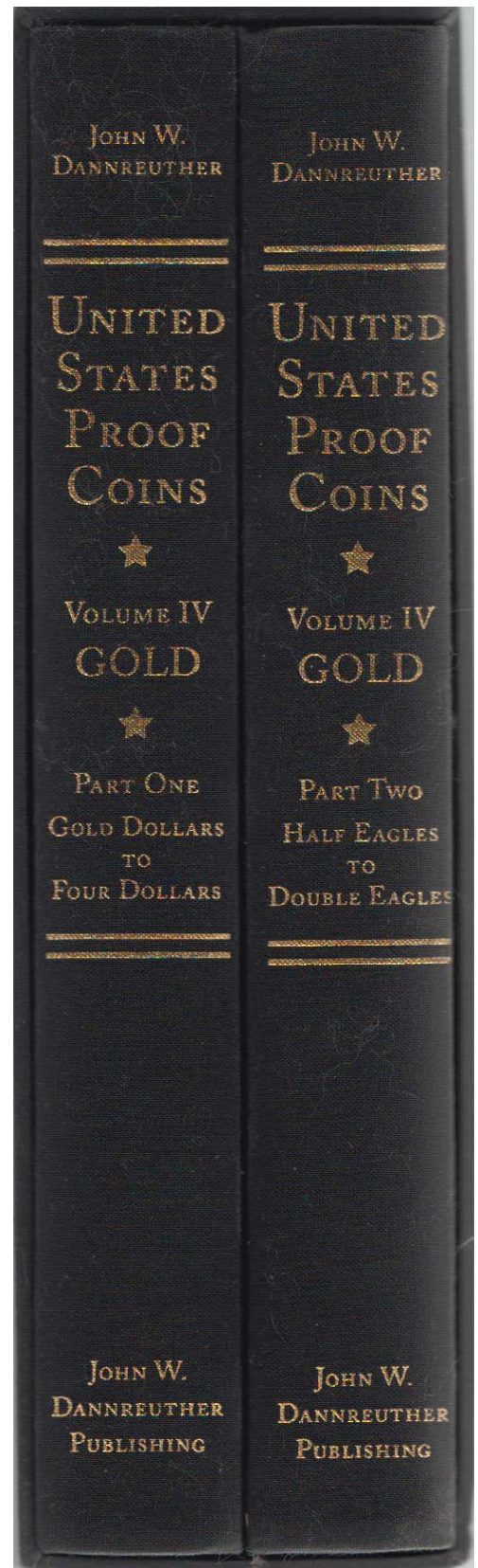
Volume 4 - Gold

by John W. Dannreuther

The book on Proof U.S. Gold coins, by John W. Dannreuther finally arrived. Scheduled for release earlier this year, the long awaited arrival finally arrived in my mail box in mid-August. This book consists of two volumes comprising “Part IV: Gold” in this series. Parts 1,2, and 3 are still forthcoming but exact dates are not known at this time. It is interesting to see a four volume set of books begin with Part 4 but what a wealth of information is contained within its four covers. The forthcoming volumes are scheduled to contain information on silver, copper and all other proof coinage minted in the United States. They, as well as this volume, also cover not only the proofs struck in Philadelphia but also “branch mint” proofs.

First, why a book on proof coinage, especially gold? I once had a dealer make the comment to me that “Real men collect proof gold.” Other than modern proof bullion gold, which this book does not cover, very few collectors have ever owned a single proof gold coin! Why invest \$200-\$250 in a book such as this then? Well, for one, I personally enjoy the study of numismatics and virtually all U.S. coinage. I find the history and details of our coinage extremely interesting.

As far as this book is concerned the first 100 pages covers everything regarding the whys and hows of early proof gold



coinage. It is profusely illustrated with significant details, photos and early mint correspondence. Following that, Part 1 begins with of course gold dollars and continues through \$4 proof coinage. Part 2 (the second book) finishes up the Half Eagles, Eagles and Finally Double Eagles thru the year 1915. No gold proofs were struck after 1915.

Each denomination and year are covered by several pages and close up photos. There is also a table of each issue and its significant examples including historical auction and sales data. Importantly, the estimated mintage is noted with the approximant number of survivors. Data recorded in this book also covers early issues which are generally not noted in virtually any other reference. For example, the quarter Eagle proof began with the year 1821. Early gold proofs prior to the year 1859 are all extremely rare and usually only change owners at major actions.

Notably, as earlier stated all proof gold is covered up to the year 1915, for the \$5 gold coin it begins with the year 1820. Twenty dollar proofs also end with the year 1915 but there is an exception which covers a 1921 St. Gauden's Double Eagle proof of which two specimens are known. This is a coin that I was unaware of here-to-fore. Two other proof gold coins which were given attention are the 1844-O branch mint Half Eagle and Eagle.

This is just a fantastic book not only for the vast amounts of information included but the high quality images of all the proof gold struck in the United States. The book is two volumes comprising 1031 pages. It has been printed on high quality gloss paper and hard bound in a special slipcase. Pre-publication pricing was \$199.00 but I understand the book is currently available for \$250 directly from the author. Certainly it is not inexpensive but definitely to observe and admire coins which are rarely seen or offered it is a wonderful resource.

This book is a significant addition to my library and I am now anxiously awaiting the other volumes to be released.

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DIE CHARACTERISTICS: **JD-1 OBVERSE:** 1, LBO1 ROC, date placed very far to the left, while the circulation strike date is further to the right and is repunched (most noticeable on the 1), only obverse used for Proofs; **REVERSE:** 1840A, raised lines on the rim, a long one below TE and another short one to the left, extended vertical shield lines into the horizontal shield (virtually all extend) with distinctive die polish in the bottoms of the clear stripes (NNC has no rotation).

DIE STATES: **JD-1:** Obverse: (a) perfect; Reverse: (a) same state as 1840-1844 with die polish in the bottoms of all the clear shield stripes, as well as on the side of the last stripe.

TYPE RARITY: R-4 DATE RARITY: HIGH R-7 VARIETY RARITY: JD-1: HIGH R-7**JD-1 Significant Examples**

1. PR66DCAM Illustrated. NNC, Smithsonian Institution, ex-Mint Cabinet.

2. PCGS PR65DCAM (50072059). John Pease probably acquired in year of issue, later given to his son; Edward Pease; Pease family; Col. E.H.R. Green; offered as a complete set to Jacob Shapiro (J. F. Bell) for \$1500 on 10/3/1946, but only the gold was purchased on 1/2/1947 for \$1000 with the copper and silver sold to Eric Newman; Abe Kosoff 3/1948 "Memorable": 548 @ \$210; John J. Pittman; Pittman estate; David Akers 5/1998 Pittman: 1711j as part of complete Proof set @ \$756,250; Jason Carter and Chris Napolitano; Bowers and Merena Dr. Carl A. Minning, Jr. Collection 8/1999 Minning: 2216 @ \$264,000, but unsold to the book as NGC PR65CAM (695224-010); later to Numismatic Professionals, LLC (Richard Melamed and Michael R. Storeim); reported as stolen by Michael R. Storeim from an Express Mail package from PCGS on October 27, 2003 to the PNG and forwarded to its members; Tacasyl collection; Bonham's Tacasyl Collection 9/2013 Tacasyl: 1017 @ \$444,600.

3. PCGS PR64 (4222996). (small abrasion in the reverse field below the crotch between the arrow feather and the olive branch). Possibly July 1903 Murdoch sale, lot 719; Robert Garrett; John Work Garrett (1919); Johns Hopkins University; Bowers & Ruddy The Garrett Collection Part 3 10/1-2/1980 Garrett III:1667 @ \$38,000; Heritage ANA 8/13-16/1999 ANA:8183 @ \$120,750.

4. PCGS PR63. Part of an original gold Proof set that had been in England for more than a century; Ed Trompeter; Bowers & Ruddy Paul D. Williams Collection sale 9/1979 Williams:1817 unsold.

The 1845 eagle is another of this decade's "common" issues with four examples traced. The NNC specimen is the equal of the Pittman coin, while the slightly less fine Garrett example was last sold in the Heritage 1999 ANA sale. The rarity of these issues has made their owners' identification a slightly easier task than coins with more known examples. However, there are still several mysteries, as some previous owners did not reveal their sources or were unaware of their origin. See the 1845 half eagle for a further discussion of the origin of the Pittman example.



1840A reverse use for 1844 and 1845

Although it appears that the photographs herein are the same, these are the 1844 and 1845 Proofs from the NNC. They are identical in condition and die state! One can be fooled by pictures, of



1840A Reverse Die Lines on rim in 1845

course, but the author assures the reader that these are different images.

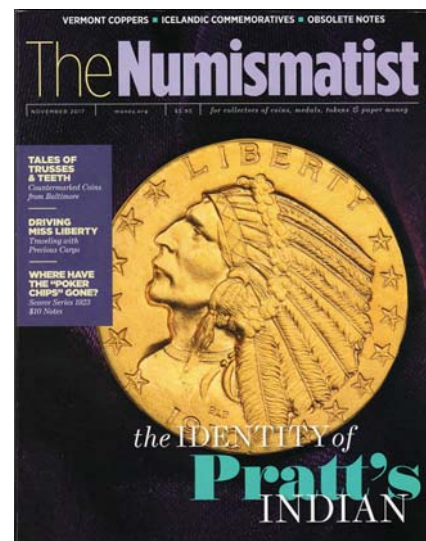
The die lines on the rim below TE(N) and under the stop are evident on these dates. The polish in the shield and the identical die lines should make any lightly circulated example that might appear an easy format decision.

The Proof gold eagles from the 1840s are as available as those from 1850 to 1858, as virtually no Proof gold eagles were emitted during this period – perhaps, one should say they are as unavailable, as every date is rare, some just more so than others. The Mint was too busy striking regular gold coins for commerce in the early 1850s to fool with collector coins after the influx of California gold! Thus, there are no gold Proofs known for 1851, 1852, or 1853. There are only a few gold Proofs found for 1854 through the end of the 1850s with only 1858 and 1859 having more than a handful of examples, except for gold dollars and three dollar coins.

ALLEN SCHEIN AWARDED TWO SPECIAL AWARDS DURING THE PHILADELPHIA ANA SHOW



The 3rd Place Heath Award was for the article in the Numismatist titled “The Identity of Pratt’s Indian” and ran as the cover feature in their November 2017 issue. Heath awards are given for “literary excellence”.



The NLG award is for “U.S. Coins 1901 to date *Best* Article”. This award was also for the article identifying Chief Hollow Horn Bear as the Indian on the obverse of the \$2.50 and \$5 Gold Indian coins minted from 1908 thru 1929.

2018 U. N. S. Medal Order Form

This year the Utah Numismatic Society Has chosen for their medal The choice was Historic Cove Fort Sesquicentennial 1867 – 2017. We are offering the medals in Silver Gold Select, Silver, Copper, and Bronze. They are 39mm size and are 1 oz. The medals will be available in September, October time frame. We are life members of the ANA.

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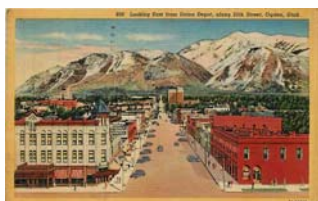


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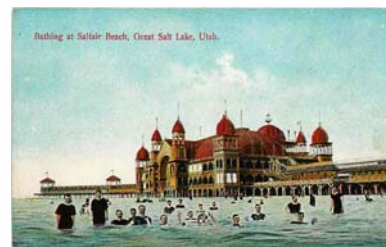
Old letters – Old postcards?

Do you have an old collection or accumulation of stuff that you don't know what to do with? ***I can help!*** Call me to discuss what items you have. Whether you just want to know what the value is or if you want to sell them. We can discuss what options you have to dispose of your items or I can give you a free verbal appraisal based on the current market value. Either way you will know what you have and can then make intelligent decisions as to what to do with it. Give me a call. It will be worth your time.



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Editors Message

Doug Nyholm

CHECK YOUR CHANGE



Is everyone finding 2018 coinage in circulation? I always look for the new pennies immediately after New Year's every year and usually find one by the end of February. I believe the latest I have ever spotted a new penny was at the end of April. This year was completely different. I read in the coin magazines that they were out there but none have come my way. This is until I was

walking down the hall at work and spotted a shiny penny on the floor. I always pick up pennies whenever I see them so on the 14th of August I picked up this one off the floor and it became the first 2018 cent I spotted so far this year. Usually the cent is the first coin to hit circulation but definitely not this year, at least for me. I have seen a couple of different quarters and at our last meeting Don Swain said he had received a new 2018 dime just the day before.



Looking for anything in change worth collecting today is like finding a needle in a haystack. Do any of you even glance at your change? Better yet, do any of look at the currency that passes through your hands? I used to drive my wife crazy especially during a stop at the ATM looking for an unusual serial number on the bills. I have heard stories of people finding unusual serials or better yet even error notes from a bank or ATM so why not me. Well it hasn't happened yet but I do keep looking. Once a person came to one of my buying events with two \$10 notes printed with only the face and the back was blank stating that he had just received them from his bank. Things do happen, they're just rare. 1969-S Double Die Lincolns have been found by people searching rolls. All I have to say is just. "Keep Looking." And if you ever find something special let me know, I'd like to print it in the Mint Master for all to read about.

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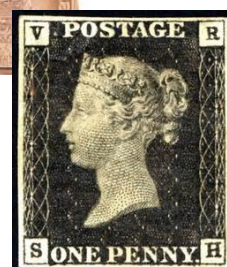
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PRIZES FOR SEPTEMBER

Promptness Prize: 1934 Silver Wash. Quarter

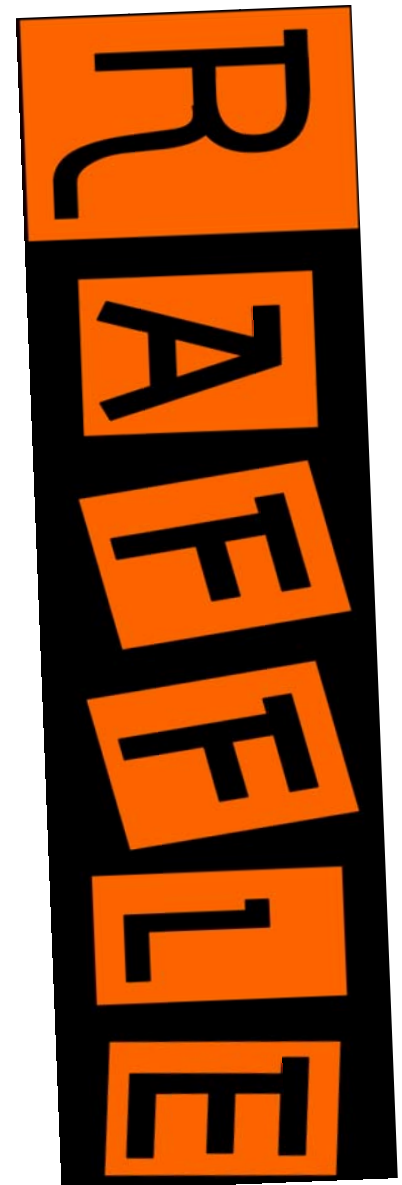
Junior Prize: 2007 PDS Jefferson Dollars

Member Prize: 1954-D Franklin Half

The Buy of the month is:

TBA

- 1- Enhanced UNC set
- 2- Republic of Texas notes
- 3- 1953 series 5 \$ note silver cert.
- 4- 1982 S Pf. Washington ½ \$ Comm.
- 5- 1954 S Franklin ½ \$
- 6- 1938 S Merc. Dime
- 7- 1937 S Merc. Dime
- 8- 1922 Peace \$
- 9- 1850 Large Penny
- 10- 2007 P-D-S Adams dollar set
- 11- 1932 Washington ¼ \$ sil.
- 12- 1936 Washington ¼ \$ Sil.
- 13- 1936 D Buffalo 5 cent piece
- 14- 1866 2 Cent piece
- 15- 1962 ½ \$ dollar Sil.
- 16- 1948 Franklin ½ \$
- 17- 1955 Franklin ½ \$
- 18- 2007 P-D-S Washington \$ set



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A SIMPLE NUMISMATIC TOOLKIT CAN MAKE ACCOMPLISHING KEY TASKS MUCH EASIER, EFFICIENT, AND MORE CONSISTENT.

As I neared completion of last month's article on what information I believed should be put on a flip, I realized that I used the same set of tools every time I worked with flips to protect and store many of my numismatic items. I also realized that I had assembled that set several decades ago and the only changes made; were to upgrade items, such as the stapler, to make various steps or tasks simpler and quicker. My tool set or toolkit consists of just seven items including: cotton gloves, a stapler with extra staples, needle nose pliers, a pair of scissors, a roller ball gel pen, a magnifying glass, and various sizes of Cardboard/Mylar and non PVC plastic flips with cardstock inserts. All items are stored in one deep plastic box with dividers, similar to a tackle box, which allows easy access and storage while keeping essential tools together. A recent stapler upgrade, required addition of an elongated plastic school pencil box which is stored with the older box. Now, let's look at some specifics concerning the tools I think belong in the toolkit.



FLIPS The inclusion of 2X2 flips to safeguard various size numismatic items is essential. Every coin, token, or medal I obtain gets a new holder if it's not going into an album or a special collection holder. A fresh holder provides plenty of room to record important information on the enclosed item and renewed protection. While holders for each size of coin is optimal; U.S. 1¢, 5¢, 10¢ coins will all fit nicely in nickel size holders with

limited opportunity to slide around in the Mylar if properly stapled close to the window area. Likewise, 25¢, 50¢, and small modern \$1 coins will all fit securely 50¢ holders. If large dollars need to be holdered, you will need to use the flips for that size coin or the size for silver Eagles which only comes in 2½X2½ flips. If the condition of any flip is questionable or in doubt, change it out.

GLOVES This toolkit item is extremely important anytime you are handling any items which grade XF or PF 40 or better. Preventing damaging corrosive oxidation associated with or caused by unprotected handling needs to be a standard operating procedure. Make sure the gloves fit properly to reduce the possibility of dropping an unprotected item. A tighter fitting glove might be the right choice and when they get noticeably dirty, replace them with clean gloves.

STAPLERS AND STAPLES Full and continuous control of the stapler and the flip is critical. A hand held stapler with good penetrating power to prevent movement during the stapling action is essential. Light duty staplers intended for desktop use should be avoided. If the stapler can't handle at least 10 pages, the possibility of it sliding during the stapling process increases and damage to the numismatic item can occur if the slide is toward the Mylar window. Make sure the stapler uses readily available staples. Handheld staplers, capable of stapling 40 sheets of paper with a **FLAT CLINCH** backside are available and don't require the flattening step with pliers we discussed during the Youth Night Program. They cost a bit more, but are well worth the added cost. The Swingline Optima 40 is an excellent flat clinch choice.



NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS If a flat clinch stapler is too costly and you have to use a regular clinch stapler, you will need this type of plier to flatten the back side of the staple. Flattening is very important to prevent damage to other flips and their contents. The length and width of the needle nose segment are important. The length should be at least 2½ inches and the overall width should be about ¼ inch. Duckbill pliers would be great if you can get enough anvil length and try to get cushioned grips.

SCISSORS The primary use of the scissors in the kit is the trimming of the cardstock inserts for the plastic flips. The other purpose is protecting and preserving your life by preventing use of your wife's or mother's sewing scissors to cut cardstock or paper. Because you have a pair readily available in your toolkit, you won't have to go looking for a pair that might be an avid sewer's prized possession.

ROLLER BALL GEL PEN When marking the flip or the cardstock insert, I prefer to use a roller ball pen with a tip no larger than 0.50mm. Great pens come in sizes from 0.25mm up to 0.50mm from Pentel, Pilot, and Muji. Larger tip pens, like 0.70mm, put down a lot of ink, are more prone to smearing, and take up a lot of limited space. Felt tip pens broaden with use and take up too much limited space and should be avoided.

MAGNIFYING GLASS Although I, like most numismatists, always have magnifying glass in my pocket, to be safe I still have one in the toolkit. Saves time for that last confirming look.

My toolkit has helped me stay organized and saved me a lot of time. All the essential tools I use when working with flips are in one place and maintaining a sufficient supply of consumables is very easy. Everybody who participates in an activity on frequent and recurring basis whether in a professional or hobby environment has what are known as tools of the trade. For the serious numismatist or coin collector, I believe the toolkit described above deserves to be considered as a means of making your journey more enjoyable.

PHIL CLARK



What can your toolkit do for you?

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Quiz answers

- 1-B Willow Tree
- 2-A Sommer Islands
- 3-B Church Penny
- 4-C North West Company
- 5-D Brasher Douloon